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MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *May 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ending May 26: Cases of yellow fever, 22; deaths from yellow fever, 6; cases of smallpox, 6; deaths from smallpox, 4.

Yellow fever seems to be constantly on the increase, but the mortality is not as high as it was during the past epidemic.

During the past week I have inspected and issued health certificates to 238 passengers. Only 4 vessels were issued bills of health during the week, 2 to New York via Havana, 1 to Pensacola, and 1 to Pascagoula via Ship Island. The passengers were all carried by the New York steamers.

All of the quarantine regulations are working smoothly, and, with the exception that nonimmune passengers from the noninfected districts are sometimes delayed here in the port for a day or more, not being able to go aboard of the steamers, I think that the danger of infection being carried to Havana is reduced to a minimum. This one objectionable feature of the passenger traffic, I think, can be remedied by not issuing certificates to them. I have suggested to the steamship agents to let passengers go directly from the trains to the vessel. This suggestion has not been complied with, so in the future I will refuse certificates to nonimmune passengers that stop over in the town during a night.

Respectfully,

SAML. H. HODGSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

Report from Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *May 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port for the week ended May 19, 1900: Six vessels were inspected and received bills of health. The steamship *Potsdam*, of the Holland-American Line, sailed on the 17th instant with 87 cabin and 751 steerage passengers; 361 pieces of baggage were inspected and 50 pieces disinfected and labeled. The steamship *Cromwell* sailing for Philadelphia on the 18th instant, made her last voyage from Rosario to Rotterdam with grain. The sanitary condition of the vessel was good. The health of this port continues good.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Quarantine against Alexandria, Egypt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith for your information and that of the Marine-Hospital Service, a copy of a dispatch from the consul of the United States at Amsterdam, Netherlands, transmitting a

copy of a declaration of quarantine against Alexandria, Egypt, made by the Government of the Netherlands.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

AMSTERDAM, *May 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a declaration of quarantine against Alexandria.

Respectfully,

FRANK D. HILL,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure No. 2.]

SIR: The minister of the interior of the Netherlands, having received official information that the pest prevails at Alexandria, has declared the port of Alexandria infected with pest and fixed the quarantine at ten days.

Respectfully,

FRANK D. HILL,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *May 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Three steamships have been inspected, all for New Orleans, La., the *Sulda* with 1 passenger, the *Jarl* with 2 passengers, and the *Hiram* with 4 passengers. Their baggage, consisting of 11 pieces, has been disinfected under my supervision.

One death has been reported in Bluefields for the week, a native child, of dysentery. The general health of the town and vicinity is good; what cases of malaria exist are most of them easily controlled by the proper administration of quinine.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *May 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended May 19, 1900, and the mortality statistics for the past two weeks.

During the week, 15 pieces of baggage from the Italian steamship *Centro-America* and 6 pieces from the Spanish steamship *Ciudad de Cadiz* were disinfected, coming from Panama via Colon. Steamers of these lines carry a large number of steerage passengers from Central and South America in transit for Europe, and it is customary to hold them in nominal quarantine to prevent unnecessary intercourse between these passengers and the shore. This arrangement is well liked by vessel's officers as it saves them much trouble, but still allows them to transact their business, which is usually small in amount. The steamship *Maria*